

Animal Tests

TOPIC: Is animal testing necessary? To what extent is the use of animals in scientific research acceptable?

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A large number of animals are used in laboratory tests of new products, medicines, treatments, scientific procedures or medical researches every year. Is this an acceptable procedure in information age? Are there other ways to conduct scientific research without sacrifice of animals? **Indeed**, there are a lot of aspects to be analyzed such as ethic, responsibility, risks to health, among others. **This speech will discuss some points of view about this issue.**

First of all, every day a great number of new products are invented, such as new drugs. **As a result**, the scientific researches need to use "test subjects" to test the effect and consequences of these products, without compromised the health of human beings. **In fact**, the animals are generally chosen as these "test subjects". **For instance**, when the pharmacy industry develops a new medicine, many phases of tests are designed by the researchers for several years. **After all**, the "tests phase in animals" happens before the "tests phase in human", generally applied as last phase before the approval of this medicine. **Under the scientific point of view**, the intending of this procedure is perfectly plausible, because aims preserve the human beings of possible collateral effects from this new drug, when its development is in an immature stage.

On the other hand, the animals are God's creatures and they need to have their right to life respected. **In fact**, who gives us the right to play God? **Recently**, many animal rights protection associations have published news about the abuse of animals by scientific researches, in mass circulation media, such as newspapers, TV news and nongovernmental websites, among others. **Moreover**, these associations are the necessary counterpoint to ensure a fair treatment to animals in this context.

In conclusion, this is a delicate subject with antagonistic points of view. **Nowadays**, there are an ethical code and special procedures to prevent abuses during the use of animals in scientific researches. **Finally**, we hopefully in the near future the scientific research does not need to sacrifice of animals for the advancement of scientific progress.